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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS, BDIS, SP (HOVERMARINE)

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF HOVERCRAFT

REF: MADRID 6365 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY: MFA SAYS RELEASE OF HOVERCRAFT TO FRENCH IS NOW A MATTER FOR THE COMANDANTE DE MARINA IN VALENCIA. LATTER IS INSISTING ON OFFICIAL WORD FROM OUR CONSULAR AGENT IN VALENCIA OF WHEN US COMPANY WILL PRESENT ITS DOCUMENTATION. IN ABSENCE OF SUCH DOCUMENTATION HE PROBABLY WILL RELEASE SHIP MORNING OF AUGUST 24. EMBASSY HAS SO INFORMED ZEBEDEE OF HOVERMARINE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY MFA PHONE CALL THIS MORNING THAT HOVERCRAFT MATTER WAS NO LONGER IN MFA'S HANDS AND THERE WAS NO WAY SHIP WOULD BE HELD HERE FOR FULL FOURTEEN-DAY PERIOD REQUESTED IN OUR NOTE OF AUGUST 18. MFA OFFICIAL TOLD US MATTER WAS NOW UP TO DECISION BY COMANDANTE DE MARINA IN VALENCIA. OUR CONSULAR AGENT SPOKE WITH COMANDANTE THIS MORNING AND ASCERTAINED THAT HE WANTS SOME SORT OF SPECIFIC STATEMENT SAYING EXACTLY WHEN US COMPANY INTENDS TO PRESENT DOCUMENTS OF OWNERSHIP. WE HAVE PASSED THIS INFORMATION BY PHONE TO ZEBEDEE IN SOUTHAMPTON WHO IS GOING TO CONTACT HOVERMARINE LAWYER IN PITTSBURGH. WE EXPLAINED TO HIM THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING PAPERS HERE

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AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, NOTED THAT FIVE-DAY DELAY THAT

HOVERMARINE ASKED DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN WOULD EXPIRE TODAY
AND SAID THAT ANY THOUGHT OF A FOURTEEN-DAY PERIOD
TO PRESENT PAPERS WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH
PITTSBURGH OFFICE OF HOVERMARINE. THEY SHOULD HAVE
ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION BY NOW VIA ZEBEDEE.
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